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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LOWESTOFT PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

FOR THE YEAR

1955

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MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE ANNUAL REPORT. (See paragraph 5 of the Preface with regard to the Sections marked with an asterisk).

TABLE A. SECTION 1 - STAFF

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held.
Arthur C. Gee	Port Medical Officer of Health	1.1.49.	M.R.C.S, L.R.C.P, D.P.H.	Area M.O.H. E.S.C.C.
H. Cormack	Chief Port Health Inspector	6.9.52.	C.R.S.I.	Chief Sanitary Inspector
F.G.S. Hill	Deputy Port Health Inspector	1.1.55.	C.R.S.I.	Deputy-Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health: Public Health Department, Connaught House, 123, High Street, Lowestoft. Telephone No. - Lowestoft 782

TABLE B. SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the Year.

Ships from:	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector	
Foreign Ports	112	13,173	10	72	NIL
Coastwise	246	49,946	6	61	NIL
TOTAL	358	63,119	16	133	NIL

TABLE B. SECTION II BRITISH FISHING VESSELS - Number of Landings by British Fishing Vessels made in the Port during the Year.

	Landings	Approx. Tonnage	Inspections
TRAWLERS:	1,856	111,360	2,067
DRIFTERS:	1,873	74,920	
TOTAL:	3,729	186,280	

TABLE C. SECTION III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the Year.

Passenger Traffic	Number of Passengers INWARDS - NIL					
	Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - NIL					
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS	Timber	Sleepers	Salt	Coal	Peas
	Principal EXPORTS	Pickled Herrings		Barley		

Principal Ports from which Ships arrive - SWEDEN - Vestervik, Oskarshamn, Ronneby, Karlskrona, Fargerviken.

FINLAND - Kaska

DENMARK - Esjberg, Copenhagen.

GERMANY - Kiel, Hamburg, Stralsund.

HOLLAND - Ymiudgn, Rotterdam, Hook of Holland, Den Helder, Vlaardingen, Flushing, Schiedam.

BELGIUM - Ostend, Nieupoort, Zeebrugge, Antwerp.

FRANCE - Bordeaux, Boulogne, Bayonne, Cherbourg, Dunkirk.

CORSICA - Bastia, Ajaccio.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND - Dunmore.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic.

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - NIL.

SECTION V. - Water Supply.

(1) Water supply by Lowestoft Water Company throughout the Port area.
Fresh water hydrants are fitted in the fishing dock area and on the North Quay.

(2) Tests are carried out at regular intervals by the Lowestoft Water Company. All reports are satisfactory.

(3) All hydrants for the supply of fresh water are boxed in or suitably protected by metal canopies.
Before use, all hydrants and water connections are sterilised by means of a chlorine solution.

(4) NIL.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

(1) List supplied to Port Medical Officer of Health and Chief and Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector.
Passed to Waterguard Office, when list is prepared and amended accordingly.

(2) (a) Arrangements made with Coastguard to contact Humber Radio for outgoing messages.
(b) Incoming messages, Humber Radio contacts Medical Officer direct or via Coastguard by telephone.

(3) - Notified to Medical Officer of Health by Waterguard immediately upon receipt.

(4) - Lowestoft Roads and Dolphin in inner harbour South of Richards Wharf.

(5) (a) Arrangements made with Yarmouth Isolation Hospital.
(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts carried out by Port Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspectors.
(c) Authority employs a cleansing man with vehicle for disinfection of ships etc. Clothing and other articles steam disinfected by local authority. Persons can be cleansed at the Health Department Clinic.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

(1) Cases may be sent either to Ipswich or Yarmouth Isolation Hospitals, and also Norwich Hospital.

(2) Arrangements made by East Suffolk County Council ambulance service who are also responsible for vaccinal state of ambulance crews.

(3) Dr. A. G. SMITH, 24, Unthank Road, Norwich. Dr. W. A. OLIVER, M.B.E. Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.
Dr. R. A. LEADER, Elm Street, Ipswich.

(4) Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

Clinics at the Lowestoft & North Suffolk Hospital.

2 beds - 1 male and 1 female for in-patient treatment.
Posters for Public Conveniences.

Mondays: Males: 2 - 3.30 p.m.

Fridays: Women & Children 5.30 - 6.30 p.m.
Males..... 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

TABLE D.

SECTION IX. - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on Ships.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases landed from other ships	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

SECTION X. - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No occurrence of this disease.

SECTION XI. - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No occurrence of this disease.

SECTION XII. - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Ships inspected on arrival. Deratisation certificates checked.

(2) No foreign ships found to be infested with rats. Specimens for examination would be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Ipswich.

(3) Not an approved Port.

(4) No action taken.

TABLE E. Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

NIL - Not an approved Port.

TABLE F. Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

NIL - Not an approved Port.

TABLE G. SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisance. Inspection and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices served		Result of serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices Ø	
Foreign Shipping	112	NIL	NIL	-
Coastwise Shipping	246	NIL	NIL	-
British Fishing Vessels	3,729	NIL	222	221 complied with.

Ø Includes Verbal Notices.

SECTION XIV. - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

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SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to Ports approved for the landing of aliens).

NOT AN APPROVED PORT.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous (Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board from infectious disease).

No specific arrangements made, but in such a contingency, arrangements would be made for burial by a local undertaker under the direct supervision of the Port Medical Officer of Health.